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SUMMARY: TWO AND ONE- HALF HOUR MORNING SESSION OF SC MARCH 16  
INCLUDED STATEMENTS BY REPS OF ECUADOR, CHILE, EL SALVADOR,  
ARGENTINA AND OPANAL IN THAT ORDER. SPEECHES WERE LARGELY  
LEGALISTIC REVIEWS OF LA PROBLEMS AND OF COUNTRIES' SUPPORT  
FOR PANAMANIAN CANAL CLAIMS. CHILEAN SPEECH WAS MILD IN  
COMPARISON WITH CUBAN DISCOURSE LAST EVENING; ARGENTINE SPEECH  
WAS MORE FLAVORFUL THAN EXPECTED. END SUMMARY.

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2. FONMIN TACK LED OFF, SITTING IN PRESIDENT' S CHAIR,  
WITH REMINDER TO GALLERY AUDIENCE THAT THERE SHOULD BE  
NO INDICATIONS OF APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL AT THE END OF

DELEGATIONS' PRESENTATIONS. LATER, HALF WAY THROUGH MORNING SESSION WHEN APPLAUSE CONTINUED, PANAMANIAN PERMREP BOYD, WHO HAD ASSUMED CHAIR, ONCE AGAIN CALLED UPON PARTICIPANTS TO OBSERVE NORMAL SC DECORUM.

2. ECUADORIAN FONMIN DR. ANTONIO LUCIO PEREDES RECALLED BOLIVARIAN CONGRESS OF 1826 IN PANAMA THAT BEGAN LONG LA COMMITMENT TO THE USE OF LAW IN THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER. IN LA THERE MUST BE A SCRUPULOUS RESPECT FOR THE LEGAL EQUALITY OF STATES, THE DENUNCIATION OF THE USE OF FORCE OR THREAT OF FORCE, AND THE CORRECTION OF ALL DE FACTO SITUATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE PAST BY FORCE OR PRESSURE. NATIONS MUST HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN RESOURCES AND ECUADOR REJECTS THE GREAT POWER POLICY OF USURPING THE MARITIME RIGHTS OF CERTAIN COASTAL STATES. PEREDES MENTIONED PANAMA WITH SYMPATHY AS A CASE WHERE FORCE AND PRESSURE MUST BE AVOIDED.

3. DR. LUIS ORLANDINI, CHILEAN SEC GEN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF HOLDING SC MEETINGS AWAY FROM HEADQUARTERS. HE REFERRED TO THE DIFFICULT RELATIONS BETWEEN LESS AND MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SAID THAT THE COVERT COERCION OF GREAT POWERS CAN BE JUST AS DAMAGING TO INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AS THE OVERT USE OF FORCE. IT IS OF GREAT ADVANTAGE TO WEAKER COUNTRIES IF THEY FEEL THAT THEY CAN HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO THE SC ON MATTERS RELATING TO NEO- COLONIALISM AND RACIS. ORLANDINI SAID THAT THE LARGEST COUNTRY IN THE HEMISPHERE HAD CREATED A DANGER TO THE HEMISPHERE'S PEACE AND SECURITY BY ITS EFFORTS TO ISOLATE CUBA THROUGH THE OAS, IGNORING THE UN CHARTER'S REQUIREMENT THAT REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REFER MATTERS TO THE UNSC BEFORE THEY TAKE COERCIVE MEASURES AGAINST A MEMBER STATE. HE ATTACKED THE " INTERNAL LEGAL PROVISIONS" OF THE U S WHICH PENALIZED COUNTRIES FOR EXERCISING THEIR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER MARITIME RESOURCES AND BY NATIONALIZING FOREIGN CORPORATIONS. ACCORDING TO THE CHILEAN REP HIS GOVERNMENT ENDORSES MEXICAN PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S CALL FOR A UN DECLARATION OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS. HE REMINDED THE DELEGATES OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE'S UN SPEECH ATTACKING THE " CRIMINAL" ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ORLANDINI SAID HE WAS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BRINGING THIS MATTER FORMALLY BEFORE THE SC, BUT THAT IT WAS A MATTER OF CONCERN TO WHICH THE DELEGATES SHOULD GIVE THOUGHT. FINALLY HE EXPRESSED SOLIDARITY WITH THE PANAMANIAN DEMAND FOR FULL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE CANAL ZONE AND CONDEMNED THE UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES ON THE ISTHMUS. HE URGED A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THAT DISPUTE.

4. UN PERMREP DR. REYNALDO POHL SPOKE FOR EL SALVADOR. HIS SPEECH WAS LOFTY, CONCILIATORY AND FULL OF ANALOGIES BUT ENDED WITH AN UNEQUIVOCAL ENDORSEMENT OF PANAMANIAN FULL- SOVEREIGNTY

ASPIRATIONS. POHL CALLED FOR A REEXAMINATION OF OLD INSTITUTIONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS A PITY THAT THE CANAL THAT UNITES THE WORLD BIFURCATES PANAMA. HE RECOGNIZED THE INTEREST OF THE TWO PARTIES - PANAMA THE HOLDER OF SOVEREIGNTY, AND THE U S THE BUILDER AND INVESTOR - BUT HE CONCLUDED THAT THE INTEREST OF THE SOVEREIGN MUST BE PARAMOUNT. HE RECALLED THAT EL SALVADOR WAS AMONG THE FIRST TO SUPPORT PANAMA'S CLAIM FOR FULL SOVEREIGNTY AND NOW DESCRIBED THE PROBLEM AS SIMPLY REQUIRING THAT EVERYTHING IN THE U S - PANAMANIAN TREATY RELATIONSHIP THAT VIOLATED PANAMANIAN SOVEREIGNTY HAD TO BE ELIMINATED. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED PERPETUITY. HE SAID THAT THE "GOLDEN RULE" OF DIPLOMACY WAS PRIVATE BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ALTHOUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANS SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO HELP. HE CONCLUDED WITH THE HOPE THAT PANAMA WOULD SOON BE UNITED, PHYSICALLY, POLITICALLY, AND LEGALLY, AND THAT IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE PANAMANIAN ALONE WILL BE ABLE TO PROFIT FROM THE NATURAL RESOURCE THAT IS THEIR GEOGRAPHIC POSITION.

5. THE ARGENTINE PERMREP CARLOS ORTIZ DE ROZAS BEGAN BY RECALLING THAT IN 1964 HIS GOVERNMENT ENDORSED PANAMA'S DESIRE FOR TREATY CHANGES AND THE U S COMMITMENT TO REMOVE THE "CAUSES OF CONFLICT". ROZAS RENEWED THAT ENDORSEMENT. HE CONTINUED BY DESCRIBING THE ENDURING ARGENTINE COMMITMENT TO A NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES WHICH FORM THE BASIS OF ARGENTINA'S FOREIGN POLICY NO MATTER "WHICH GOVERNMENT IS IN POWER": NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF EVERY STATE; STRICT EQUALITY OF STATES; NON-USE OF FORCE; PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION WITH RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY; SOVEREIGNTY OF NATURAL RESOURCES MODIFIED BY NEED TO PROTECT ECOLOGY. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE POTENTIAL DANGER OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS WITH ECONOMIES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LARGER THAN MANY COUNTRIES WHO POSSESS NO FORMAL POWERS BUT BY THEIR DECISIONS ARE ABLE TO HINDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THEY MIGHT BE CALLED STATES WITHOUT TERRITORIES. HE CRITICIZED DISARMAMENT MEASURES ADOPTED TO DATE, SAYING THAT THEY REPRESENTED THE DISARMAMENT OF THE DISARMED WHICH HAS NOT PREVENTED A VERTICAL PROLIFERATION OF ARMAMENT BY GREAT POWERS. HE PRAISED THE UN'S WORK AGAINST COLONIALISM AND RECALLED THE GA'S RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING NEGOTIATIONS ON THE MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS BUT NOTED WITH REGRET THAT THE UK AND ARGENTINA COULD NOT AGREE ON A COMMON REPORT TO THE GA LAST YEAR BECAUSE HE ALLEGED THE UK WOULD HAVE DISTORTED IT. IF THERE IS NO PROGRESS SOON THE GOA WILL HAVE TO CHANGE ITS ATTITUDE AND TAKE ACTIONS TO BRING THIS "COLONIALIST" SITUATION TO AN END.

6. FINAL SPEAKER WAS DR. HECTOR GROS EXPIELL OF OPANAL, WHO

REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE LA FREE ZONE TREATY AND URGED THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO "EXPRESS" ITS SYMPATHY FOR THE PROGRESS TO DATE AND TO ENCOURAGE COUNTRIES WHO HAVE EITHER NOT SIGNED PROTOCOLS OR NOT RATIFIED THE TREATY TO DO SO, SO THAT THIS UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENT WILL BE PERFECTED. SIGNIFICANTLY, HE NOTED THAT THE TREATY OF TLATALOCO DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGH THE REGION. TREATY SIGNIFICANCE OF COURSE DOES NOT POSSESS NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS, HOWEVER, AND THIRD PARTIES CAN BE PREVENTED FROM TRANSITING THEM BY THE EXERCISE OF SOVEREIGN AUTHORITY BY COASTAL STATES.

7. BOYD ENDED THE MEETING BY READING OUT MESSAGES SENT TO THE UNSC PRESIDENT BY THE UN VATICAN REP AND THE FONMIN OF THE GDR. HE ALSO READ MESSAGES ADDRESSED TO HIM AS FONMIN FROM HIS COUNTERPARTS IN ARGENTINA, GUATEMALA, AND NICARAGUA. SAYRE UNQUOTE ROGERS

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